

1922 AN EPOCHAL YEAR IN HISTORY OF CITY'S GOVERNMENT

DEVELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE GROW MONTHS

Actions of Congress, Courts,
and Utilities Body Hold Great
Significance for Capital

PHONE RATES REDUCED

Light Costs Also Lowered; New
High School to Relieve
Congestion Is Nearly Ready

Enactment of important legis-
lation, the handing down of sev-
eral public utility decisions and
the ruling of the courts holding
the minimum wage law unconsti-
tutional were among the high
lights in the history of the Dis-
trict Government for 1922.

The court decision holding the
minimum wage law invalid was the
most recent event in District af-
fairs. A final order signed by Jus-
tice Adolph Hoehling of the District
Supreme Court a week ago, tempo-
rarily abolished the minimum wage
board of the District and enjoined
the members of that body from car-
rying on the work provided for in
the act.

APPEAL IS NOTED.

Corporation Counsel Francis H.
Stephens, has noted an appeal and
the case again goes before the
Court of Appeals. The Court of Ap-
peals is expected to sustain the
decision of the District courts and the
case will then be carried to the
United States Supreme Court.

Among the important bills en-
acted by Congress affecting the Dis-
trict was one providing that a cash
balance of \$3,000,000 must be in the
Treasury to the credit of the city
by 1927.

Officials of the District contend
that a \$5,000,000 surplus now in the
Treasury belongs to the Dis-
trict, while Congress holds that the
surplus is a "myth." A commit-
tee has been appointed to study the
ownership of the surplus and should
it be credited to the District it will
be held as an operating cash basis
for the city and result in lower taxes
for the five-year period ending in 1927.

RATES REDUCED.

Another important bill was one
providing that assessments on real
estate and tangible personal prop-
erty "beginning July 1, 1922, shall
be listed at full value for the pur-
poses of taxation." Heretofore, taxes
were estimated on two-thirds value
of property.

The Public Utilities Commission
held several hearings during the
year. Following a hearing of the
Potomac Electric Power Company they
ordered the rates reduced to 7 and
47-100 cents per kilowatt hour.

At the request of the Chesapeake
and Potomac Telephone Company,
the commission ordered a reduction
in the rate of unlimited
phone.

Hearings also were held on the
establishment and extension of bus
lines. The Commission granted
permission to the Washington
Railway and Electric Company to
establish a cross town bus line
from Petworth to Mt. Pleasant as
well as the establishment of a bus
line from Eighteenth and Columbia
road to Wisconsin avenue and
Macomb street.

SCHOOL NEAR COMPLETION.

The Public Utilities Commission
issued orders regarding the distri-
bution of coal. With the co-op-
eration of local coal dealers a price
of \$16.50 a ton was set by the
commission.

The closing year witnessed the
finishing touches being put on the
new Eastern High School. Seven-
teenth and East Capitol streets. The
school will be ready for occupancy
shortly after the New Year and will
aid in relieving the crowded condi-
tions of other high schools.

The difference of opinion and re-
sulting friction between the Board
of Children's Guardians and the In-
dustrial High School resulted in the
Commissioners recommending to
Congress that all charitable and
educational institutions should be
co-ordinated under the direction of the Commis-
sioners.

SUBURBS POLICED.

During the year fourteen building
operations were in progress. These
operations included the psychopathic
group of buildings, powerhouse and
domestic buildings for the Gallinger
Memorial Hospital; the remodeling
of the Phelps School, four-room ad-
dition to the Monroe School and Dea-
wood schools, a twelve-room addition
to the Wheatley School, eight-room
addition to the John Eaton and Mott
schools, an eight-room school build-
ing known as the Richard Kings-
man School, an eight-room addition
to the Buchanan School and an
eight-room school building to re-
place the Bell School.

Under an order of May 19, 1922,
a bureau of information was created
for the convenience of the public
who visit in the District building.
The scope of the bureau is not re-
stricted to municipal affairs, but
covers many subjects relating to ac-
tivities of the United States depart-
ments and of private concerns.

Prospects Bright For Business Here, Association Feels

Merchants and Manufacturers
Are Proud of Their Record
in Procuring Enactment of
"Bad Check Law" and Other
Legislation Beneficial to
Local Tradesmen.

As business houses complete
their totals for the year 1922 the
Merchants and Manufacturers' As-
sociation finds that it was a
highly satisfactory period.

PRICES BOUND TO FALL.
Business in Washington faced a
real problem in the year just clos-
ing. Prices were bound to fall, and
they did, and then the merchant
and manufacturer were confronted
with a still greater problem—that
of a high overhead, which gave
many misgivings as to the net re-
sult at the close of the year. Larger
business volume which, after all,
is the only pathway to success in
any business, brought profit to even
those whose pessimistic inclinations
sensed a bad year.

It was in the consideration of
problems affecting the dollar and
cents terms of business to which
the Merchants and Manufacturers' As-
sociation applied itself during the
year. Through its board of gov-
ernors, made up of one representa-
tive from practically every line of
trade, and through a series of sec-
tions meeting from time to time
as the needs of those particular
lines demanded, the association
functioned as it has ever done for
the welfare of the business firm
itself, since firms and not individ-
uals comprise its membership.

FATHERED BAD CHECK LAW.

Taxation and its relation to busi-
ness played an important part in
the year's work of the association.
It steadfastly encouraged a simpli-
fication of taxation and application.
Legislatively, it achieved a great
victory in the passage of the bad
check law for the District of Col-
umbia, a legislative child of its
own creation. That law is just an-
other addition to the list of laws
which the council of the associa-
tion has contributed to the District
of Columbia, others being the false
advertising law, the law regulating
fake auctions, and many other
forms of legislation designed to
promote equity in individual lines.

WANT FINAL WORD LEFT TO VETERANS HOT WHEN IT'S COLD; SHOULD BE, ANYHOW

Only One Service Man On
Highest Court of Bureau,
Investigators Claim.

Dr. George A. Dunigan, who was
wounded in action, is the only one
of five members of the central of-
fice board of appeals, the court of
highest resort in the Veterans' Bu-
reau, who saw service in the world
war.

This was the announcement last
night of veterans who are waging
a bitter fight to compel the bureau
to give former soldiers priority in
appointment and who feel that the
board has been neglecting the proper
treatment because of the higher
power of large groups who never
were the uniform in the late war.

When a claimant's case is not ad-
justed satisfactorily by the review-
ing board, his last chance is with the
board of appeals, and the veterans
think they should be more strongly
represented there than in having
only one-fifth of the force.

Furthermore, it was reported last
night, the board of appeals is now
more than 2,000 cases behind in its
work. As usually only the most
desperate cases are brought along
to that tribunal, it was pointed out
that the failure of the board to func-
tion up to date is keeping hundreds
of the sickest men suffering for
want of decision.

A movement is now under way to
form a super-board, which would
have power over the board of ap-
peals, but the veterans are most in-
sistent in their determination to
put the important posts on this
all-powerful court.

Col. Forbes, director, and Dr.
Stephens, as private officers, have an-
nounced their purpose of favoring
the veteran in desirable posts, so
those who want the former service
man in the bureau are citing the
conditions that exist in the person-
nel work of the board of ap-
peals as justification of their claim
that the veteran is not getting the
proper proportion of appointments.

C. W. Jurney Is Named Copeland's Secretary

Appointment of C. W. Jurney, of
Texas, as private secretary to Sen-
ator-elect Royal S. Copeland, of New
York was announced yesterday at
the Capitol.
Mr. Jurney has been private sec-
retary and close political associate
of Senator Charles A. Culberson, of
Texas, for the past twenty years.
Senator Culberson will retire from
the Senate on March 4.
He is a lawyer and is well known
both in his home State and in
Washington. Mr. Jurney came to
Washington from Waco, Tex., with
Senator Culberson, and makes his
home here at the Congressional
apartment.

CONGRESS PASSES 24 D.C. BILLS IN 1922

Act Establishing 60-40 Per
Cent Basis and Marine Insur-
ance Law Take Precedence.

BAN PUT ON BAD CHECKS

Permission Given to Erect Six
Historical Statues in
Washington.

Out of a maze of 168 bills, rang-
ing from blue-sky regulations to
blue-Sunday proposals, Congress
has enacted and the President has
signed twenty-four pieces of legis-
lation directly affecting the District
of Columbia in 1922.

A large number of other bills
have been passed either by the
House or Senate, but have not been
ratified by both bodies. Prominent
among these are the so-called teach-
ers' salary bill and the compulsory
school attendance bill, both of
which have passed the Senate.
House leaders expect that these
will be considered by the House
the latter part of this week or im-
mediately after the New Year holi-
day.

60-40 TAX BASIS.

Among the most important laws
enacted by the Sixty-seventh Con-
gress is said to be the act making
appropriations for the District of
Columbia which establishes a 60-40
per cent basis for calculating the
District's share of its own expenses.
Under this law, which went into ef-
fect July 1, 1922, the District pays
60 per cent and the United States
40 per cent of District operating
expenses.

Next in importance is said to be
the act establishing regulations for
the marine insurance business in
the District of Columbia. This
measure, which was prepared with
the co-operation of insurance ex-
perts from all parts of the United
States, forms a part of the pro-
gram for revision of local insurance
laws inaugurated by Bert A. Miller,
District Commissioner of Insurance.

BAD CHECK LAW.

Severe penalties for issuing
checks or drafts with intent to
defraud are provided in a bill which
was strongly supported by practi-
cally every business organization
in Washington. A fine of not more
than \$1,000 and not more than one
year imprisonment is imposed for
violations.

A separate police force for the
White House was created in a
measure approved September 14,
1922.

Extension of the food control law
for two years and an amendment
to the so-called public morals bill,
permitting alley dwellers to con-
tinue in their homes, are carried in
two bills which affect large num-
bers of people in Washington.

Six laws grant permission to
various organizations to erect me-
morials and statues in Washington.
The measure was a bill of Ed-
mund Burke; a statue of Abraham
Lincoln to be re-erected upon its
original site in front of the Court
House; a memorial to the dead of
the First Division of the American
Expeditionary Force; a tablet to the
officers of the Daughters of the
American Revolution; a statue of
Dante; a memorial to Jeanne d'Arc.

ANNUAL BONUS GIVEN.

An annual bonus of \$240 and
more generous provisions to civil
service laws are provided in three
bills affecting government em-
ployees.

The minor amendments of the
District Code, authorizing the Su-
preme Court to summon an addi-
tional grand jury, were passed.
Congress also passed an amend-
ment to the charter of the Potomac
Insurance Company, enlarging
the scope of its activities and au-
thorizing an increase in the kinds
of insurance to be sold.

Another law empowered the Dis-
trict Commissioners to close upper
Wetters street, between Twenty-first
and Twenty-second streets north-
west, while another allowed the
transfer of certain reservations on
Maryland avenue southwest to the
Botanical Gardens. The office of
Superintendent of the Library
Building and Grounds was abol-
ished and its duties assigned to the
Architect of the Capitol and the
Librarian of Congress.

Two cemetery laws, granting a
charter to a new company and pro-
hibiting further interment in an
old cemetery, complete the list of
statutes so far enacted.

Church Spelling Bee Scheduled for Jan. 5

The spelling bee of the Young
Ladies' Bible Class of the Western
Presbyterian Church, which was an-
nounced for Friday, January 5,
will not be held until January
5, it was announced yesterday.
An opportunity will be given
everyone present to compete for
prizes, which have been donated by
S. Kann Sons and Company.

Russian Relief Workers To Meet at Lansing Home

The regular monthly meeting of
the Committee for Russian Relief
will be held at the residence of
Mrs. Robert Lansing, 1323 Eight-
eenth street, on Friday, January 5,
at 11 o'clock. Dr. Esther Lovejoy,
who has just returned from Europe,
will be the speaker. No notices will
be sent the members.

STUDY COURSE ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the courses to
be given at the Business High
School night school, beginning next
Wednesday evening was made at
the Franklin School yesterday. The
studies offered are arithmetic, Eng-
lish, shorthand, typewriting, book-
keeping, calculating machine.

OPERATORS AT WORK at the new Operations building at Bolling
Field recording the movements of all government airplanes in the
country by radio. The force is directed by Capt. St. Clair Street. Be-
low is the exterior of the building. Observations of plane movements
over the entire field are made at the building.



BEST 'LISTENERS-IN' TO RECEIVE PRIZES

Rev. Dr. Charles Wood Invites
Reports of His Sermons
Via Radio.

As an inducement to his youthful
"listeners-in" over the radio, the
Rev. Dr. Charles Wood, pastor of
the Church of the Covenant, yester-
day announced a series of prizes for
the best reports of his forthcoming
sermons on the general theme
"Life Lessons from Great
Modern Painters," which will begin
tonight.

As the first prize, Dr. Wood will
present a life of Washington; sec-
ond prize, a life of Lincoln; and
third prize, a life of Roosevelt, or
books of similar choice. These re-
ports are to be sent to the church
not later than a week after the last
discourse.

The contest is open to all young
"listeners-in," either over the radio
or at the church services, who are
not over fifteen years of age. The
sermon-topics for the proposed
series are as follows:

This evening "The Universality of
Prayer," based on Miller's "The
Angelus," January 7, "Divine Light
and Music," with Hunt's "Light of
the World" as a basic theme; Jan-
uary 14, "Disillusionment," pre-
dicted on "St. Francis," a painting
by Watts; January 21, "Repentance
and Restoration," with Rossetti's
"Mary Magdalene" as a basis, and
January 28, "Immortality and Real-
ization," with the theme being sug-
gested by "The Resurrection,"
Burke-Jones' great religious master-
piece.

Tonight Dr. Wood will reiterate,
preceding his sermon, his best
wishes for a happy New Year to
all the young competitors and to
all listeners-in, invisible and visi-
ble.

Dr. Wood's sermons have been
"picked up" by radio audiences as
far away as Texas, Missouri, and
Massachusetts. Dr. Wood said yester-
day: "It is a curious, not to say
creeping, sensation to speak to an
invisible audience. To some it
might even suggest a trial before
the medieval inquisition where the
prisoner saw no one but the masked
judge, but every word he uttered
was taken down by skillful penmen
behind the curtains.

"To know that hundreds or even
thousands may be listening, while
no response is perceptible by either
look or gesture, is an unaccustomed
experience for a speaker. A num-
ber of our Boy Scout troops have
told me lately that they listened in
every Sunday evening."

Cupid Has Poor Business in 1922

It has been an off year for Dan
Cupid.
He fell short of 251 direct hits.
His targets numbered 5,281 for 1922,
while during 1921 6,070 licenses were
issued.

Col. William A. Kroll, special rep-
resentative of the little god of trou-
ble and happiness, stated that the
shortage "just naturally happened."

Past Year Sees First Collision Of Airplanes

THE year 1922 witnessed the
first aerial collision in this
country when on December 6,
a Fokker scout plane and a
Martin bomber collided in mid-
air over Langley Field, Va.,
which resulted in the death of
six officers.

The accident, according to
officials, was the result of the
inaccuracy of various meters
attached to the planes and the
heavy cloud which temporarily
obscured the views of both
pilots.

The crash occurred at a
height of several thousand
feet. The planes crashed to
the ground in one solid mass
of total wreckage.

Business High Class Of 1913 Holds Reunion

The class of 1913, Business High
School, held its ninth annual re-
union at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
George Henderson Sweet, Decatur
Heights, Bladensburg, on Tuesday
night.

Twenty-two were present out of
the forty who are left of a class of
forty-four. They were Miss Ger-
trude Borne, Miss Emily E. Bren-
nan, Mr. and Mrs. McCormick, Mar-
garet C. McKinney, Ethelinda S. John-
son, Elsie P. Schwarzmann, Mr.
and Mrs. Omohundra, Mr. John W.
Boylaver and wife, Franklin T.
Campbell, Horace B. Derrick, How-
ard C. Fisher, Charles C. Guilford,
Edward A. Hollmuth, Henry H.
Holzbein, Capt. Edwin H. John-
son and wife, John C. F. Palmer,
George R. Reed, George H. Sweet
and wife, and hostesses, Joseph
P. Van Overmeer, Harry H. Wilson,
Milton B. Zeller.

Out of the class of forty-four,
twenty are married and these
twenty have fourteen children.

The class unanimously adopted a
resolution to present to Business
High School a silver loving cup to
be known as the Ida M. Camp-
bell memorial.

Damages of \$10,000 Asked For Alleged Assault

William Brayshaw of "Wholesale
Row" and his manager, Arthur D.
Jordan, were sued yesterday in the
District Supreme Court for \$10,000
damages for an alleged assault and
battery on Joseph Witt, also of
"Wholesale Row."

Through Attorneys Newmyer &
King, Witt claims that on Decem-
ber 20 he was attacked by Jordan,
who acted under orders from Bray-
shaw.

WILL TOUR NATION FOR GEORGETOWN

Father Nevils and Dr. Pallen
to Campaign for Foreign
Service School.

Swinging through the Middle
West in the interests of the \$5,000-
endowment fund for Georgetown
University, the Rev. W. Coleman
Nevils, S. J., vice president and
regent of the Foreign Service School,
is organizing the work in a half
dozen cities.

Father Nevils will be followed in
January by Dr. Conde B. Pallen, na-
tional chairman of the endowment
association, and others of the "dy-
ing squadron" the university is
sending over the country in an en-
deavor to stimulate the scattered
alumni in the plea for a "Greater
Georgetown."

Starting in Chicago, where a com-
mittee already has been formed,
Father Nevils will visit Milwaukee,
Detroit, Cleveland, Youngstown,
Ohio, Buffalo, Rochester, N. Y.,
Syracuse, and Pittsburgh before re-
turning to Washington for a brief
breathing spell, January 8. In the
cities mentioned where the plans for
raising local quotas for the endow-
ment are not under way, Father
Nevils will organize and confer with
prominent alumni.

One of the most effective ways of
reaching the alumni is by means of
an extended lecture service on
"Georgetown, Past, Present, and
Future," illustrated with motion
pictures of the principal events on
the Hilltop in recent years. Dr.
Pallen, now engaged in mailing ma-
terial to alumni throughout the
country, will devote most of his ac-
tivities to New York State.

Encouraging replies from many
quarters have spurred the George-
town Endowment Association to
greater efforts and Dr. Pallen last
night expressed keen satisfaction
over the way things are going. Al-
though no direct appeal for funds
has been made as yet, enough ap-
scriptions are now on hand, it is re-
ported, to insure the successful out-
come of the undertaking, which is
the biggest job the local institution
has ever undertaken.

Carry Collateral, Court's Warning

Police Court will hold forth as
usual tomorrow.
Both branches of the court will
open at 8:30 a. m. and continue
until the current business is dis-
posed of.

It is the urgent request of the
courts that everybody who vio-
lates the law between now and
Monday have the required collateral
in his or her pockets and not have
to be locked up on the first day of
the new year for lack of a few dol-
lars—and sense.

HAMMOND GIVES \$5,000 TO MARK CROSS-WALKS

Donation to Safety Council
Will Avoid Long Wait
on Governmental Action

WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

Commissioners Approve Pro-
posal to Ask for \$7,900
Congressional Appropriation

Washington Safety Council
will start the New Year by mark-
ing the crosswalks at the busy
intersections in the city. The
sum of \$5,000 has been given by
John Hays Hammond to start this
work immediately. Hammond has
made the donation to William F.
Ham, chairman of the council,
with the explanation that he be-
lieves implicitly in the work and
thinks it should not be hampered
by lack of cash.

BOARD FAVORS IDEA.

Mr. Hammond's attention was
drawn to the need for money for
marking the streets through news
articles in the papers to the effect
that the District of Columbia is
without funds for this important
work. He called on Mr. Ham to
express the view that the broad
white marks painted on the streets
are as valuable as safety measures,
and indicated his willingness to
make a contribution immediately to
save lives and prevent accidents.

At the last meeting of the council
a committee consisting of John J.
Bocher, Odell S. Smith and Earl
Godwin was appointed with in-
structions to take to Congress a re-
quest that \$7,900 be appropriated to
allow the police department to mark
the streets as they had been during
safety week. The committee has
obtained the approval of the Com-
missioners, and the item will un-
doubtedly be requested from Con-
gress by the proper authorities, but
it would not be available until the
end of the fiscal year at least.

AVOIDS LONG DELAY.

Because of the delay, Mr. Ham-
mond has made his donation to be
effective immediately. The money
will carry the council in this street
marking work probably for seven
or eight months.

In speaking of Mr. Hammond's
gift Mr. Ham yesterday afternoon
said:

The Safety Council hopes that
appropriations can be made by
Congress for the fiscal year be-
ginning July 1, 1923, to continue
this work, as it is manifestly
something that should be done at
every opportunity. The money
expresses its appreciation of the
public-spirited liberality of Mr.
Hammond in making this contribu-
tion. In the judgment of ex-
perts there is nothing more es-
sential for the prevention of ac-
cidents than the proper painting
of traffic lines on pavements.

Naming of New Supreme Court Justice Expected

The nomination of a successor to
Justice Pitney, who has tendered his
resignation, to take effect January
1, is expected to be sent to the Sen-
ate by President Harding within the
next few days. Retirement of
Justice Pitney created the fourth
vacancy on the Supreme Court bench
which President Harding has been
called upon to fill.

The names of Governor Nathan I.
Miller, of New York, recently de-
feated for re-election, and Chief
Justice Robert von Moschizker, of
the Pennsylvania Supreme Court,
have been mentioned as successors
to Justice Pitney. Governor Miller,
however, has indicated that he is not
a candidate for the appointment.

Wants Guard Officers To Get Equal Allowance

Representative Frothingham (Rep.)
of Massachusetts has introduced
a bill granting national guard officers the same
commutation of quarters while ac-
ticipating in encampments, maneu-
vers or other exercises, to which
regular army officers are entitled.
The bill is made retroactive to
July 1, 1922. The Comptroller of
the Treasury ruled against the
claim of equal rights made by
national guard officers and the ad-
jutant general of Massachusetts is
pressing for a change in the law.

Urges Planting of Trees As National Observance

The American Tree Association
urges people all over the country
to plant trees in honor of the semi-
centennial of Arbor Day, set aside
in 1872, and to register them with
the association. Every one register-
ing a tree planted will be made a
member of the association.
Charles Lathrop Pack is presi-
dent of the association. The organ-
ization, with headquarters here, will
send to each tree planter a cer-
tificate of registration for mem-
bership. No dues are charged.

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